

**AMENDMENTS TO THE SPECIFICATION**

**On page 3, delete the second full paragraph and insert therefor:**

Thanks to the combination of features defined in such a claim. The hinge assembly of the invention ~~is capable~~ to achieve the desired opening along the vertical direction of the panel in an extremely simple and effective manner while being advantageously positionable outside of the furniture element and, in particular, above the same.

**On page 3, delete the seventh full paragraph and insert therefore:**

The hinge assembly of the invention, moreover, advantageously ~~allows to definitively~~ overcomes the intrinsic limitations linked to the use of two hinge assemblies for each panel as happens for known articulated quadrilateral type hinges.

**On page 8, delete the fourth full paragraph and insert therefore:**

Advantageously and as shall become clearer hereinafter, such a preferred configuration of the lifting lever ~~has thus allows to define~~ within the lever itself a housing space 23 in which other elements of the hinge assembly 1 can be housed, such as for example the balancing device 10, at least in the closing state illustrated in figure 2.